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Dear Sirs,

Dutch Patent Application No. 8102299
Philip Morris Inc. - Our file: 23844

Thank you for your letter of 5th November. Please proceed with the request for further treatment.

We note that all the documents cited in the French Search Report were considered as being in the category of technological background and we think that there is no need for any amendment of the claims in the present application or for detailed comment on the cited documents. We are not aware of prior art in other countries which is any more relevant than that found in the French search.

We enclose copies of the documents cited in the Search Report. Please let us know if you require anything further to enable you to proceed with the request for further examination in good time.

Yours faithfully,

P.A.SMITH

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